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Wanda LUKATSKA

1. We have now had an opportunity to compare the various reports on the BRANDSTATTER affair: the 8114-743 report, the CIA Liaison report 8114-27222, and the SEIFER report on their interrogation of Wanda. The main discrepancy is on the date of BRANDSTATTER's arrest, detention, and release by the Soviets in St. Paulsen:

a. BRANDSTATTER told GIB: Arrested 18 October; released 21 October.

b. LUKATSKA told SEIFER: BRANDSTATTER reported Soviets grabbed and beat him 10 October. Let him go same day. BRANDSTATTER gave LUKATSKA the package of leaves on 10 October (a trick to make shadowing LUKATSKA easier). LUKATSKA told SEIFER that 10 October was the last time he saw BRANDSTATTER. (He may be lying or the meeting on 15 October reported by Vienna may be an error. The latter seems likely since LUKATSKA apparently had no chance to reproach BRANDSTATTER for the box of leaves.)

c. Vienna reports: BRANDSTATTER arrested 11 October; released immediately. Gave LUKATSKA the package of leaves same day. LUKATSKA claims to see BRANDSTATTER on 15 October (see 8114-743, page 3, at the bottom. I assume this date is wrong.).

It is hard to say whether the difference in dates is due to poor memory, a clerical error or two, or the fact that BRANDSTATTER advanced the date of his arrest when reporting to GIB, Liaison. At any rate it seems very probable that BRANDSTATTER is or was controlled by the Soviets. We are removing LUKATSKA from Vienna for a period of time since it seems the Soviets quite probably had or have LUKATSKA under surveillance. LUKATSKA withdrew from any garbage collection activity as soon as he learned of BRANDSTATTER's arrest. This was prior to 22 October, but the exact date is not known. LUKATSKA is appointing another man, Wanda, to take over reception of the garbage material from the collectors.

3. SEIFER sees no reason to stop the collection effort, LUKATSKA has started to train the Wanda group, has had two collectors arrested in the fairly recent past, all of whom were let go. LUKATSKA believes that his collectors, most

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of whom are recent recruits, are not endangered by the HANDBATTER affair.

4. ZIPPER does not believe that V-11213 of Project 73 and his KAUJAN operation have been endangered by the HANDBATTER affair. They state that HANDBATTER could have given the Soviets only a description of V-11213, and that the Soviets have in all probability a description of him already. ZIPPER has promised to spare no effort to seal off Project 73 from any danger coming from this HANDBATTER flap. Since HANDBATTER does not know V-11213's name or address, and also according to ZIPPER, has no inkling of his work on Project 73, we do not plan at present to make any attempt to get hold of HANDBATTER in Innsbruck where he is said to be visiting his uncle Johann BOGER, LADENBURG, 38. Allegedly neither URBAN nor LUKAS know anything about Project 73.

5. The analysis of the LUKAS-URBAN relationship in KAV-745 should be of great value to us, and will take some studying. We can add the following newly acquired facts which ☐ and ☐ would probably have turned up if they had not intentionally avoided pumping LUKAS on his operational details. When LUKAS broke with URBAN in the fall of 1952, he handed over a team of collectors to URBAN. They were:

a. MECH, Friedrich, Vienna XV, Denglergasse 6-8/10, 23 years, transport worker. He runs the actual collectors. He is a drunkard who demoralizes his charges and often withholds their pay. (MECH is of course already known.)

b. PATZNER, Walter, Vienna XV, Denglergasse 6-8. He is 22 years old, worked for LUKAS beginning late in 1950. A very good worker who was formerly a hospital orderly. Refugee from GCR, now Austrian citizen, married, 1 child. Subject is in poor health. Can be guided in his work.

c. FISCH, Friedrich, Vienna XV, Denglergasse 9, 20 years old, criminal type, has twice stolen from his grandmother; worked for LUKAS beginning late 1951.

d. KOMMER, Erich & FISCH, Vienna XV, Denglergasse 14/11. Started working for LUKAS early 1952. Is a notorious drinker.

e. "PIPER" HU, Vienna XV, Mariahilferstr., across from moving picture theater "YAKO". The most decent one of this group. Unemployed at present.

f. JOES, Gottfried, Vienna XV, Ourkstr. 46, 22 years. (This man left LUKAS earlier for URBAN. LUKAS believes he was offered more money.) Not trustworthy, poor worker.

g. LUKAS knows that a certain FRUCH, Franz works for URBAN. He is 20 years old, and an alcoholic.

Traces on the above are requested from all addresses.

6. ZIPPER is still considering how best to drop URBAN. His reported illness may simplify this matter.

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